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Sir:

This supplements the Information Disclosure Statement submitted in the above-identified application on April 11, 2000.

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 CFR \$1.56, Applicants hereby notify the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office of the documents which are listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 and which the Examiner may deem relevant to patentability of the claims of the above-identified application.

Applicant also encloses herewith a copy of a corresponding foreign Search Report citing Document AF and indicating the degree of relevance found by the foreign office. The Search Report and the cited reference are both in English.

The remaining listed references were cited and enclosed with the International Search Report, and have already been forwarded

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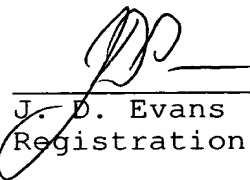
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